



**U.S. Senator Mike DeWine
And USDA Rural Development**



**Invite you to attend a
Broadband & Telecommunications Financing Conference**

**THE USDA BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE
PROGRAM AND OTHER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
AND OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Radisson Hotel Columbus - Worthington
7007 North High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085**

Come to a free Workshop and learn about the USDA Rural Development's Programs for financing deployment of Broadband and Telecommunications services, including:

- The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program
- Community Connect Grants
- The Distance Learning/Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

The workshop will provide information on these programs for prospective grant and loan applicants and other interested parties. All are welcome to attend.

- Discover what programs are available and what the eligibility and other requirements are
- Determine which program is right for you and your community
- Consult with Broadband Program experts about your specific project or application
- Improve the quality of your Broadband loan or grant application

Presenters will address specific information for applicants on the Broadband Loan Program's application and requirements, including:

- The Application Process
 - Business Plan and Marketing Survey
 - System Design
 - Credit Support Requirements
 - Financial Forecasts
- Borrower Requirements
- Loan Approval Process
- Disbursement Process
- Loan Servicing and Reporting

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Preliminary Agenda

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks Randy Hunt, USDA Rural Development State Director, Ohio
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Remarks by U.S. Senator Mike DeWine
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Broadband Opportunities in Ohio Dave Matusoff, Principal, Whiteboard Broadband Solutions
11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Broadband Success Story
11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Overview of USDA Broadband Programs
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions - Broadband for the Community Leader - Broadband Application Process for Service Providers
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Question and Answer
3:00 p.m.	Conference Concludes

Registration

Please submit the following information to Bobbi Weaver, USDA Rural Development at Bobbi.Weaver@oh.usda.gov or fax to 614/255-2559 by Friday, April 14, 2006.

Name	_____
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A limited number of individual appointments with the USDA Broadband staff during the morning of April 18 and following the conference are available. To schedule, please contact Ron Mellon at Ronald.Mellon@wdc.usda.gov

NOTE: The Broadband Loan Application Guide can be downloaded at the Rural Development website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm>

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